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SUBJ: UNGA: KHMER - SPANISH SAHARA

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1. ON BASIS REFTEL, ACCCOMPANIED BY AMB SCHAUFEL,
I MET WITH GOM FON MIN LARAKI AND PERMREP SLAOUI MORNING
NOV 27. I INFORMED HIM THAT US WOULD BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT
SIMPLE NON-PREJUDICIAL RES REFERRING QUESTION OF SPANISH
SAHARA TO ICI FOR ADVISORY OPINION IF MOROCCO WOULD SUPPORT
FRIENDLY KHMER RES SUBSTANCE AND PRIORITY AND DO ITS BEST
TO ENCOURAGE TUNISIA TO DO LIKEWISE.

2. LARAKI WITH MANY DISCLAIMERS THAT TWO QUESTIONS WERE
LINKED INFORMED ME THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SUPPORT FRIENDLY
RES ON BOTH SUBSTANCE AND PRIORITY AND WOULD WORK WITH
TUNISIA TO THAT END.

3. AT THAT TIME HE GAVE US COPY OF FRENCH TEXT OF
PROPOSED MOROCCAN RES WHICH IS BEING TRANSMITTED
SEPARATELY. (SLAOUI GAVE SCHAUFEL ENGLISH TEXT EVENING
NOV 27.) WE INFORMED LARAKI THAT WE WOULD STUDY TEXT
CAREFULLY AND NOTED ESPECIALLY OP PARA 4 CONCERNING
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SUSPENSION OF SPANISH REFERENDUM. LARAKI STRESSED THAT

OPERATIVE LANGUAGE "INVITE INSTAMMENT" WAS WEAKEST USED
IN SUCH CASES AND HOPED THAT THIS WOULD CAUSE NO
DIFFICULTY. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT ENGLISH TEXT, WHICH WE
BELIEVE IS MOROCCAN TRANSLATION, TRANSLATES ABOVE AS
"URGES" AND WE ARE QUERYING MOROCCANS AT WORKING LEVEL
TO ELICIT MORE FAITHFUL TRANSLATION OF FRENCH.

4. ABOUT HALF-HOUR LATER SLAOUI SUGGEST TO SCHAUFELE
THAT EMBASSY TUNIS INTERVENE AGAIN AND THAT HE (SCHAUFELE)
PERSONALLY TALK TO TUNISIAN PERMREP DRISS ON THIS SUBJECT.
SCHAUFELE TOLD HIM THAT HE KNEW THAT EMBASSY TUNIS HAD
RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT. IN SUBSEQUENT
CONVERSATION DRISS TOLD SCHAUFELE THAT HIS INSTRUCTIONS
WERE SOMEWHAT AMBIGUOUS AND HE WAS TRYING TO GET A CALL
THROUGH TO TUNIS TO BE ABLE TO VOTE PRIORITY.

5. SOMEWHAT LATER LARAKI TOOK SCHAUFELE ASIDE AND SAID
THAT HE HAD ASKED DRISS TO COMMUNICATE WITH FON MIN CHATTI
IN LARAKI'S NAME, URGING TUNISIANS TO VOTE FOR BOTH PRIORITY
AND SUBSTANCE. IN ADDITION TO AMBIGUITY ABOUT PRIORITY,
TUNISIAN INSTRUCTIONS WERE TO VOTE FOR SUBSTANCE ONLY IF RES
ON PRIORITY PASSED.

6. EARLY IN EVENING DRISS TOLD SCHAUFELE THAT HE WANTED
TO ABSTAIN ON PRIORITY BUT WOULD VOTE FOR IF WE
NEEDED HIS VOTE. AT PROPER TIME WE SO INFORMED DRISS WHO
VOTED FOR PRIORITY.

7. NEVERTHELESS, AS DEPT WILL NOTE, TUNISIA ABSTAINED
ON RES AS AMENDED AND ACTUALLY VOTED CONTRARY TO US AND
MOROCCO ON SOME INTERVENING AMENDMENTS AND PROCEDURAL
VOTES.

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